

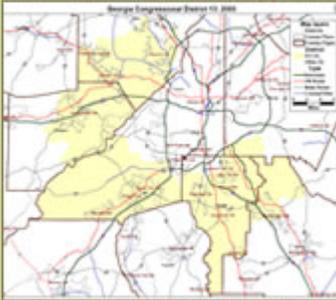


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TOP NEWS:

Congressman Scott Honors the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial Team in the Congressional Record *May 22*

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) honored the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial Team by recognizing their second national championship win with a page in the Congressional Record, the official record of the United States Congress dating back to 1873. Congressman Scott will also present each of the students on the team with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

“I am proud to celebrate the praiseworthy accomplishments of the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial Team,” said Congressman Scott. **“I am also so very proud that the hard-work and commitment of these fifth-teen students is representing the talents and tenacity of the students in Clayton County that we witness in our kids everyday. These students clearly have bright futures ahead of them and I, like many others throughout Clayton County, will be cheering for them next year as they aim to make mock trial history by becoming the first school to win three national championships.”**

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Congressman Scott Reaches Out to Constituents Affected by Severe Storms *May 12*

Sunday, six tornadoes touched down in parts of the 13th Congressional District affecting Clayton, Fulton and Douglas counties. Congressman Scott immediately responded by going out into the most devastated areas of his district to see the damage first-hand and to speak with constituents.



Photo by Joel Hall, Political Reporter with the Clayton News Daily

Sunday afternoon, Congressman David Scott toured Ellenwood—the most visibly concentrated area affected by the storm—to speak with families affected by the devastating storms. **“My thoughts and prayers are with the families affected by yesterday’s severe storms,”** said Scott. **“Since early yesterday I have been out in my district working to get assistance to the families and businesses affected by these horrible storms. I am also working diligently with the local and state governments, as well as in Washington, DC to make sure that the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and other emergency agencies are available to provide assistance to my constituents.”**

Congressman David Scott's staff is on call for anyone needing assistance as a result of the severe storms. Those affected by the storms should contact the Congressman's district offices at **770-210-5073 (Jonesboro District Office)** or **770-432-5405 (Smyrna District Office)** for information on available disaster relief resources.

[\[Get More Info / Scott Tours Ellenwood / Scott Talks with Gov. Perdue\]](#)

Congressman Scott Votes to Reduce Food Costs, Expand Nutrition Programs *May 14*



Today, Congressman David Scott spoke from the House floor in support of final passage of the Farm Bill, H.R. 2419 - The Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act. As the only Georgia House member appointed to the House-Senate conference committee on the Farm Bill, Congressman Scott had a direct influence on the bill's expansion of nutrition programs.

"This bill is historically referred to as the Farm Bill. It should be called the Nutrition Bill given that three-fourths of the bill's funding directly addresses food assistance and nutrition programs," Congressman

Scott said. **"Low income families in metro-Atlanta will greatly benefit from the increases in the food stamp program, additional assistance to food banks, and increased nutrition incentives for school lunches."**

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Representative David Scott Fights for Mortgage Relief *May 8*

Today, Congressman David Scott continued the fight to pass several major housing bills that will help families refinance their bad home loans, save neighborhoods under assault from foreclosures and provide liquidity to the housing mortgage market.

"Georgians are facing a wave of foreclosures that threaten families' stability and the safety of entire neighborhoods," Congressman Scott said. **"We are nearing final action on major legislation to fight predatory lending, allow families to refinance their mortgages, and provide neighborhood sustainability. This housing crisis needs to be addressed with aggressive action. I will continue to fight to help families keep their homes and ensure that good credit is available to future borrowers."**

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Congressman Scott Votes to Extend Unemployment Benefits and Create New Veteran Benefits *May 15*

Today, Congressman David Scott voted to extend unemployment benefits and create new education benefits for our nation's veterans. The bill provides up to 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits in every state to workers exhausting the 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits. The new GI bill restores full, four-year college scholarships to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to help make them part of an economic recovery like the veterans of World War II.

"Thousands of Georgians are struggling to find a job," Congressman Scott said. **"I just held a jobs fair that was attended by nearly 10,000 job seekers. I found that many of the folks who are without a job are skilled and educated. They deserve an extension of unemployment benefits to help keep their families above water while they continue searching for work. I ask that President Bush not veto relief**

to Georgia families.”

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In Other News:

Congressman Scott Participates in NATO Meetings This Week *Missile Defense, Turkish Relations and Iran to be Discussed*

Congressman David Scott announced that he will join the NATO Parliamentary Assembly **May 23-June 1, 2008** in **Berlin, Germany; Istanbul, Ankara, and Incirlik Turkey**. Congressman Scott and other members of the U.S. delegation will meet with their legislative counterparts from NATO's 26 member nations.

The meetings will consider a wide range of issues that remain at the center of the debate about Western security, such as operations in Kosovo and the future of the Balkans. During the meetings, parliamentarians will also discuss NATO's future political agenda; democracy and security in Central Asia; NATO's present and future partnerships; energy; reducing global nuclear threats; and state and religion in the Black Sea Regions. Additional information on the NATO Assembly can be found at: <http://www.nato-pa.int/>.

Congressman Scott is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade. Since his first term, Congressman Scott has been a Co-Chair of the Democratic Study Group on National Security.

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Clayton County Board of Health Observes *National Men's Health Week: June 9 - 15*

The Clayton County Board of Health will host several events that are free and open to the public. All residents are encouraged to attend these events:

Monday, June 9: *Health Exhibits and Screenings (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)*—Clayton County Board of Health, 1117 Battlecreek Road, Jonesboro 30236

Thursday, June 12: *Clayton County Employee Health Awareness Day (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)*—Clayton County International Park, 2300 Highway 138 S.E., Jonesboro 30236

Friday, June 13: *Men's Health Symposium (7 p.m. – 9 p.m.)*—Riverdale City Hall, 6690 Church Street, Riverdale 30274

Saturday, June 14: *Health Fair (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)*—Wal-Mart Supercenter, 7050 Highway 85, Riverdale 30274

For more information concerning the Clayton County Board of Health's National Men's Health Week observance and schedule of events, please contact Thomas Walters at 404-569-7257.

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Currently on the House Floor

Keep track of the latest developments and votes on legislation being considered in the House.

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Weekly Senate Schedule

See what bills and what amendments will be discussed in the Senate this week, courtesy of the Senate's official website.

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Legislative News:

Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:

⌘ **H.R. 2419 – Food, Conservation and Energy Act**

The conference report on the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 makes historic investments in our food and farm economy. The bill will expand food security programs, protect our vital natural resources, promote healthier foods and local food networks, and reform commodity and biofuel programs to reflect the priorities of the nation. .

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 2419; H.R. 2419 passed 318-106 (5-14-2008)**

⌘ **H.R. 6074 – Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act**

No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act of 2008 or NOPEC - Amends the Sherman Act to make it illegal for any foreign state or instrumentality thereof to act collectively or in combination with any other foreign state or any other person, when such action has a direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effect on the market, supply, price, or distribution of petroleum in the United States, to: (1) limit the production or distribution of oil, natural gas, or any other petroleum product (petroleum); (2) set or maintain the price of petroleum; or (3) otherwise take any action in restraint of trade for petroleum.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 6074; H.R. 6074 passed 324-84 (5-20-2008)**

⌘ **H.R. 2744– Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act**

Amends the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 with respect to hours-of-service requirements airline flight crews must meet to qualify for leave under such Act. Declares that a flight attendant or flight crewmember will be considered to meet such requirements if he or she has been paid for or has worked 60% of the employer's monthly hour or trip guarantee, or the equivalent annualized over the preceding 12-month period.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 2744; H.R. 2744 passed 402-9 (5-20- 2008)**

⌘ **H.R. 5826 – Veterans' Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment Act**

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase, as of December 1, 2008, the rates of veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled adult children, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children. Requires each such increase to be the same percentage as the increase in benefits provided under title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act, on the same effective date.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 5826; H.R. 5826 passed 417-0 (5-21-2008)**



